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STEWART GETS \$6.7 MILLION FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-26) today announced that the House of Representatives passed a spending bill that includes \$6.7 million for the construction of a new air traffic control tower at Stewart International Airport. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey had requested the funding.

"I am delighted that Stewart will be getting the funds it needs for a state-of-the-art control tower," said Hinchey. "This will help to ensure the safety of passengers flying in and out of Stewart and will be a great boost to the commercial development at the airport."

The House today passed the conference report that resolves the differences between the House and Senate versions of the Transportation Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002. Passage of the conference report is the final step before the president signs it into law. The Senate is expected to pass the report shortly.

The funds that Hinchey requested will be used for the construction of a state-of-the-art air traffic control tower. In the fiscal year 2001 spending bill, Hinchey secured \$1 million for the project.

"This funding is tremendously helpful for the development of the airport," said Chuck Seliga, Stewart's general manager. "In addition to enhancing safety, it will be a very useful tool in the negotiations to bring other airlines to Stewart."

The FY '02 bill also contains a measure providing \$350,000 to the Federal Highway Administration's budget for a study of transportation links between Stewart and New York City.